

REMARKS

The present Office Action examines claims 1-26. However, Applicant notes that a preliminary amendment was filed with the present application (on February 20, 2002) that canceled claims 1-26 and added claims 27-46. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection is moot. Additionally, since the preliminary amendment was filed with the present application, Applicant respectfully submits that the next action should not be final.

Applicant has attached hereto, as Exhibit 1, a true copy of the preliminary amendment as filed on February 20, 2002. Additionally, Exhibit 1 includes a true copy of the date-stamped postcard returned by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, evidencing receipt of the preliminary amendment in the originally-filed application papers. Still further, Exhibit 1 includes a true copy of the Express Mail Receipt date-stamped by the United States Postal Service on February 20, 2002. Applicant notes that the preliminary amendment bears a certificate of Express Mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, and that the Express Mail number in the certificate matches the Express Mail number on the postcard and on the Express Mail receipt. Applicant submits that the preliminary amendment was deposited with the United States Postal Service with the original application papers on February 20, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment be entered in the present application and that claims 27-46 be examined.

Applicant notes that the preliminary amendment was filed before the newly-enacted rules for amendments, and thus follows the old format for amendments.

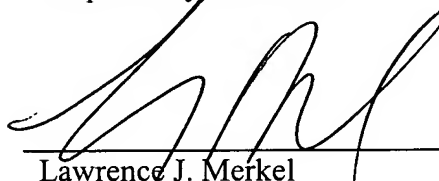
CONCLUSION

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-05005/LJM.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☒ Other: Exhibit 1: Previously Submitted Preliminary Amendment, copy of date-stamped postcard evidencing receipt in USPTO of same, and copy of Express Mail Receipt.

Respectfully submitted,



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Title: Electro-Optically Connected Multiprocessor Configuration

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- 12 page(s) Drawings (Formal)(Figs. 1-12)
- 42 page(s) Disclosure (and a cover page)
- 7 page(s) Claims (claims 1-26)
- 1 page(s) Abstract
- 2 page(s) Declaration/Power of Attorney [*copied from parent application*]
- ☒ page(s) Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet [*copied from parent application*]
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